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LETTER

FROM THE

Lord *LAMBERT*,

Dated at *Cheſter*, Auguſt 21.

And read in Parliament, Tueſday Aug. 23.

The One directed

To the Speaker of the Parliament;

The Other,

To the Lo: Preſident of the Council of State;

Together

With a Letter from Major *Edm: Waring*

Governor of *Shrewsbury*, of the ſame Date.

Wherein is ſet forth the Manner

OF THE

Surrender of Cheſter,

With the Names of the Principal Perſons taken Priſoners, and the ſtate of Affairs concerning the Iſſue of this Rebellion.

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The Lord *Lamberts* Letter to the Right Honorable the Speaker of the Parliament.

SIR,

BEing according to thoſe Reſolutions I laſt acquainted you with, upon our march towards *Cheſter*, we were met by two perſons from that City, who were inſtructed to offer ſome Tearms of ſurrender thereof; I ſuppoſe upon fear, leaſt the Town ſhould become a Prey to the Soldiers. Having heard what they had to ſay, I called together divers of the Officers, and acquainted them therewith, who adviſed me to this Anſwer; *That if they would ſet open their Gates on the morrow by Ten of the Clock, ſubmitting themſelves wholly to the Parliament, and receive in ſuch Forces as ſhould be appointed, I would engage that no Soldier by violence ſhould take any thing from them*; And laſtly, *That I would attend for their anſwer till eight of the Clock the next morning, without any further action.* Whereupon the Enemy finding themſelves incapable to ſtand upon their own defence, and the City declining all further aſſiſtance, that night in confuſion, in ſmall parties, they left the Town, and about Ten of the Clock, finding the Gates open, we marched in with one Regiment of Foot, and two Troops of Horſe. Upon my march thither, I met

with two Inhabitants from *Leverpoole*, and one Mr. *Brown* who had formerly been in your ſervice, who upon the route of the Enemy, got ſome well affected together, and took divers priſoners of the routed forces, which had fled that way. They inform me that that Town hath continued very faithful to your ſervice, and that the Governor appointed by the Enemy, did aſſure them before hand, That he would keep that place for your ſervice, and hath now declared for you. Before I had this information, I ſent Major *Hoare* with three Companies of Foot of Colonel *Hewſons* Regiment, and three Troops of Horſe to reduce that place, whom I have ordered notwithſtanding this, to proceed according to his former inſtructions, and having ſecured that place, by putting in ſome of his men to march up to a conjunction with the reſt of that Regiment in *Lancaſhire*, in caſe they ſhould meet with any oppoſition there. It is the earneſt deſire of thoſe perſons, that the Caſtle may be demoliſhed, which I humbly conceive may be for your ſervice, and pray your directions therein. I have ſent a Summons to *Harding* Caſtle which I hope will be delivered; It is likewiſe the deſire of ſome of the well-affected in theſe parts, that the Caſtle may be demoliſhed, which I likewiſe ſubmit to your conſideration. Sir *Thomas Middleton* yeſterday paſt over the Ferry at *Ronckhorne*, and came to this Town, and as I am informed, is gone to *Chirk* Caſtle. I have ſent thither a Summons, and have accompanied it with three Troops of Horſe, and four Companies of Foot, under the command of Colonel *Biſcoe*, and intend (if it pleaſe God to give a Bleſſing to your forces gone into *Lancaſhire*) to go thither my ſelf to morrow, I doubt not but the Inſurrection in theſe parts will be wholly broken.

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I [illegible] more at preſent worthy your knowledge, and therefore ſhall only on their behalf deſire, That the Forces may be ſupplied with ſome proportion of pay, whereof at this time they ſtand in great need. Sir, I ſhall humbly ſubſcribe

Your moſt faithful and moſt humble Servant

Cheſter, Auguſt 21, 1659.

J. Lambert,

Sir, The encloſed is a Liſt of ſome Gentlemen and Priſoners taken in the *Fight*. The Soldiers expreſt great zeale in this ſervice; many loſt and ſpoiled their horſes, whereof I humbly deſire your conſideration.

The Lord Lamberts *Letter to the Right Honorable the Lord Preſident of the Council of State.*

My Lord

I Take the freedome to refer your Lordſhips to mine, to the Parliament of the 21 inſtant, for an accompt of our proceedings with the City of *Cheſter*, which is now poſſeſt by your *Forces*. I find this City hath ſhown it ſelf very malignant, and thoſe few Friends you have are in great expectations, that you will put the Power of this place as well Civil as Military, into ſuch hands as may be faith-

faithfull to you, and a ſecurity and protection to them. In which I humbly offer that ſome effectuall courſe may be ſpeedily taken. If there be any thing in theſe parts which may require my further ſervice and attendance, I ſhall deſire your ſpeedy commands therein, which ſhall be moſt readily obſerved by

My Lord,

Cheſter, Auguſt 21.

Your Lordſhips moſt faithfull humble Servant,

J. Lambert.

The Governor of Shrewsbury's *Letter to the Right Honorable the Lord Preſident of the Council of State.*

Right Honorable,

NO ſooner was the Poſt gon hence yeſterday, but a party of my Troop returned from my Lord *Lambert*, who went to Convoy him ſome Money from this Town, and were preſent in the Fight about *Northwich*, and gave me aſſurance, that my Lord had diſpatched away an Expreſs to your Honors, with an account of that Affair, to which I humbly referr your Honors. Juſt now the Meſſenger that I ſent your Letter by, directed to Col. *Croxton* this day fortnight, returned back, who came forth of *Cheſter* laſt night at Ten of the Clock; and before he left the City, Sir *Tho. Middleton*, the Lord *Kil-*

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morrey, with other Gentlemen, with 5. Colours of Horſe, made no ſmall haſte to *Chirke*-Caſtle from *Cheſter*. The Foot that were in the Town mutinyed, threw open the Gates, tore their Colours, and Sir *George Booth* fled out of the North-gate; they only kept a ſlight Guard at the Gates, being drawn from the other Guards in confuſion, and left them in the Caſtle to their own liberty. He aſſures me, when he came from thence, the Enemy were reſolved to ſhift for themſelves: I held it my duty to haſten this Account. I have ſent the Horſe forth this Garriſon, ſince yeſterday Noon, who are not yet returned. By the Letter I received from my Lord *Lambert* this day, for covert to one, which I diſpatched from him to Col. *Zankey*, I was given to know, That he divided his Army, and intended to march one part towards Cheſter, the other for *Warrington*. Juſt now at Writing, a Boy of this Town, now fled home, confeſſeth, he was under one Capt. *Shenton*, who diſmiſt his Company laſt night at *Cheſter*, and bad them ſhift for themſelves. I crave your favor for my rude Lines, remaining engaged to ſerve you

Shrewsbury, 21. *Auguſt*,
1659. *Ten at night.*

Edmund Waringe.

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The principal Prisoners as yet known, since the last, are,

The Lord *Killmorrey*.
Major *Peter Brook*, an Apostate Member of the Parliament.
Sir *William Neile*.
Major General *Randolph Egerton*.
Sir *Thomas Powel* of *Flintshire*.

There were about 400 others, Prisoners, when the Captain (*viz*, Capt. *Spilman*) took charge of these Letters, who came from *Chester* on Monday morning, the 22 Instant.

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